

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING  
BETWEEN  
THE MALAYSIAN AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE  
AND  
THE INTERNATIONAL RICE RESEARCH INSTITUTE  
FOR  
SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION  
ON RICE AND RICE-BASED FARMING SYSTEMS

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is between the Malaysian Agricultural Research and Development Institute, Serdang, Selangor, Malaysia (hereinafter called "MARDI"), represented by its Director General, and the International Rice Research Institute, Los Baños, Laguna, Philippines (hereinafter called "IRRI"), represented by its Director General.

WHEREAS, MARDI is interested in increasing production of rice and other food crops in rice-based farming systems in Malaysia;

WHEREAS, IRRI, a nonprofit international organization supported by the Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research, has as its primary goal the improved well-being of present and future generations of rice farmers and consumers, particularly those with low incomes.

WHEREAS, IRRI in the interest of providing better liaison with national programs has established the policy of assigning from its staff a Liaison Scientist for Indonesia, Malaysia, and Brunei, based in Indonesia.

NOW, THEREFORE, MARDI and IRRI, inspired by their common objectives to further promote and accelerate research on rice and rice-based farming systems and strengthening national and regional rice research programs, have reached a mutual understanding as set forth in the following paragraphs:

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5. Make its rice literature available to MARDI and cooperate in the translation and copublication of IRRI publications in Malay language;
6. Utilize funds made available by donor(s) for the purchase of equipment and supplies that will be needed by the scientists of the national program and IRRI for the cooperative work in MARDI in accordance with the mutually agreed upon plan of operation.

### ARTICLE III

In order to facilitate the implementation of cooperative activities, MARDI will:

1. Authorize MARDI scientists to participate in conferences, workshops, training programs and other collaborative activities mutually agreed upon;
2. Extend assistance to IRRI to ensure the free and timely movement of germplasm and relevant materials in and out of Malaysia in accordance with the existing laws and regulations enforced in the country;
3. Assist in obtaining visas and completion of necessary formalities in connection with visits of IRRI scientists to Malaysia. These will include free and timely delivery of visas, permits for access to project sites, rights of circulating freely through the country, etc.

### ARTICLE IV

Both parties agree that:

1. Results of cooperative research will be published in the public interest as mutually agreed upon;
2. Although in most cases the results of collaborative work will be published jointly by scientists working for the two organizations, each party may publish the results separately if so determined by mutual consultation in specific cases. Either party publishing any research findings will give credit to the other party's contributions but would at the same time be entirely responsible for the conclusions and interpretations reported;
3. Breeding materials and other rice germplasm obtained within the program will be freely exchanged between MARDI and IRRI with due recognition of the sources of the seed materials. Either party may use such material but will give full credit to its source of origin.

## ARTICLE V

1. This collaborative agreement will be supplemented by project statements/proposals which describe the scope and nature of the collaborative research. MARDI and IRRI scientists will jointly develop biennial work plans in accordance with the needs and financial resources available for cooperation. The work plans will more specifically describe the schedule of operations to be carried out and set forth the envisaged contributions of each party.
2. To develop the collaborative research plans and to review the results of collaborative work, a joint planning and evaluation meeting will be held biennially possibly in the months of September or October on dates convenient to the Directors General of MARDI and IRRI, alternately in Malaysia and Los Baños.

## ARTICLE VI

1. This MOU shall be effective on the date of signature by both parties and shall be valid for a period of five years and can be extended as agreed upon by both parties.
2. The parties to this MOU may, by mutual consent, add, modify, amend or delete any words, phrases, sentences or articles in this agreement.
3. Either party may at any time give notice to the other party of its intention to terminate the validity of the MOU; in which case the MOU will terminate six months after such notice has been issued.

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